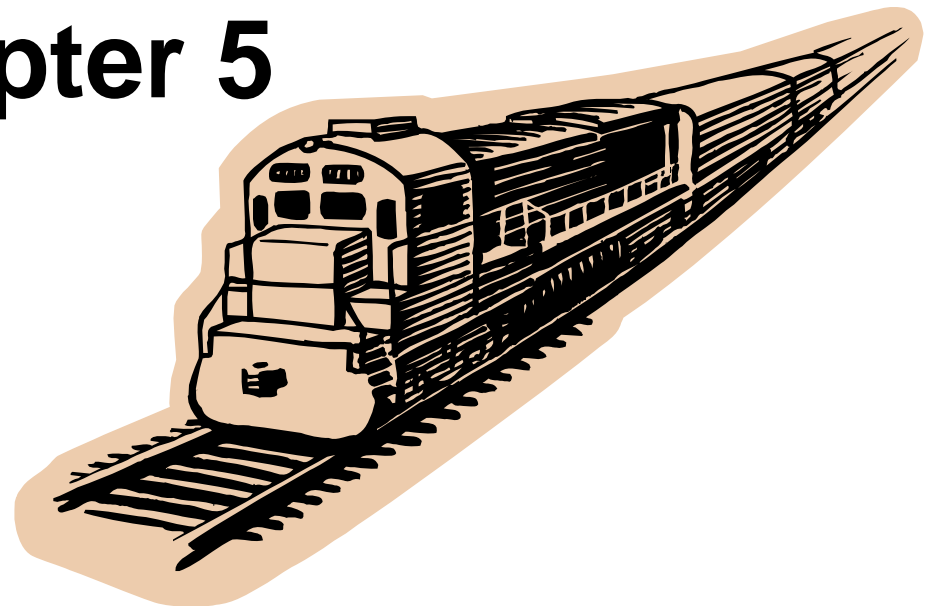


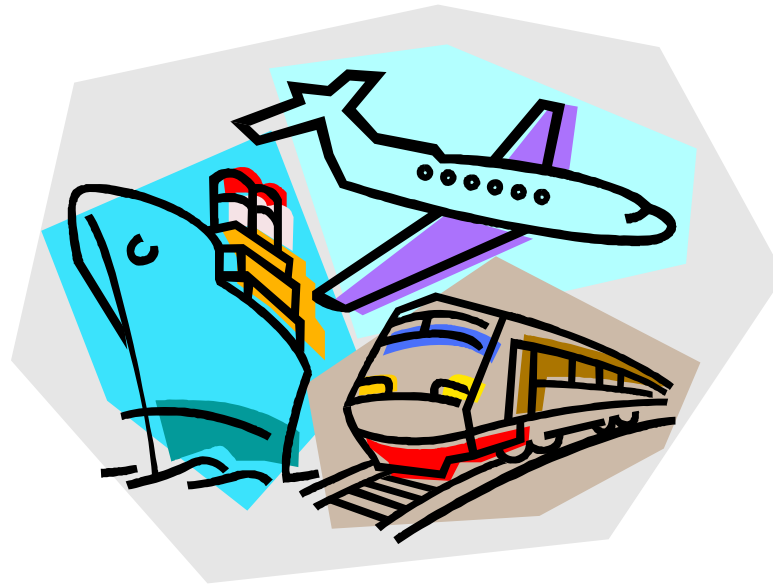
Travel by Rail

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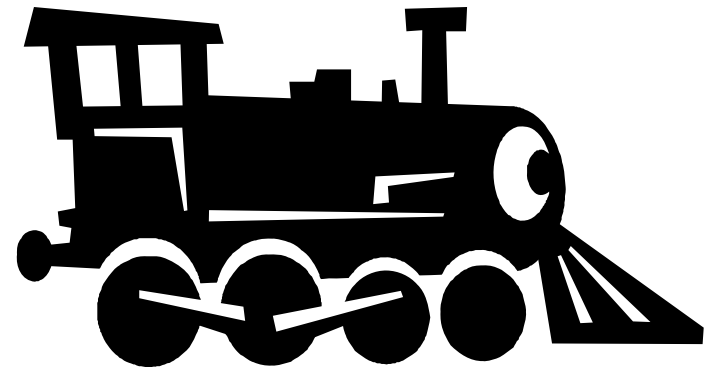
Thomas Cook

The Father of Modern Tourism



Pullman Car

- Individual sleeping compartments partitioned by heavy green curtains
- 2 seats facing each other for sitting
- Seats fold down into a bed
- President Abraham Lincoln made his final ride in a Pullman Car



Train Industry

- Fred Harvey contributed to the railroads by setting up at each stop Harvey Houses to provide fresh food, and clean linens to passengers on the trains
- Railway standard time was put into effect by William F. Allen. Railroads invented our modern ideas of time.



More Train Info

- The invention of the Gasoline Engine contributed to the demise of train travel
- Amtrak was formed by the federal government in 1970 to take over passenger services from the railroads
- The two types of passenger service is:
 - Commuter Trains
 - Intercity Trains



Benefits of Riding a Train

- Scenery
- Alternative for those afraid to fly
- Convenient center-city stations
- Space for self & possessions
- Freedom of movement
- Fewer weather delays
- Lower costs for unreserved day coach verses air travel

Train Traffic

- Less than 1% of long distance passenger traffic ride the rails
- Boston, New York City, and Washington D.C. are the cities on the Northeast Corridor
- Acela Express – Boston to Washington D.C. – 6 ½ hours
- Metroliner – Washington D.C. to New York City – 3 hours



Airplanes vs. Trains

- No check-in
- No security procedures
- No boarding passes
- No seatbelts
- Arrive 30 minutes prior to departure
- No seat assignments in coach
- High-speed trains can compete with airplanes on short trips!!!



International Trains

- Canada's Passenger Train – VIA Rail Canada
- Europe's Rails
 - InterCity (ICE)
 - EuroCity
- Nostalgic Trains – Trains that operate on scenic routes using restored equipment with deluxe amenities and offering top-flight service

International Trains

- TGV – 186 mph
- Eurailpass good for 17 countries
- Japan is known for its bullet trains
- Maglev trains operate by magnetic levitation

